



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

We invite you to join the partnership. You can become a Reserve Police Officer, join a Community Neighborhood Watch Group, attend the Citizen's Police Academy, become a Police Volunteer, participate in a citizen ride-along or just communicate your concerns and ideas to our Officers.

Together, we can make a difference!

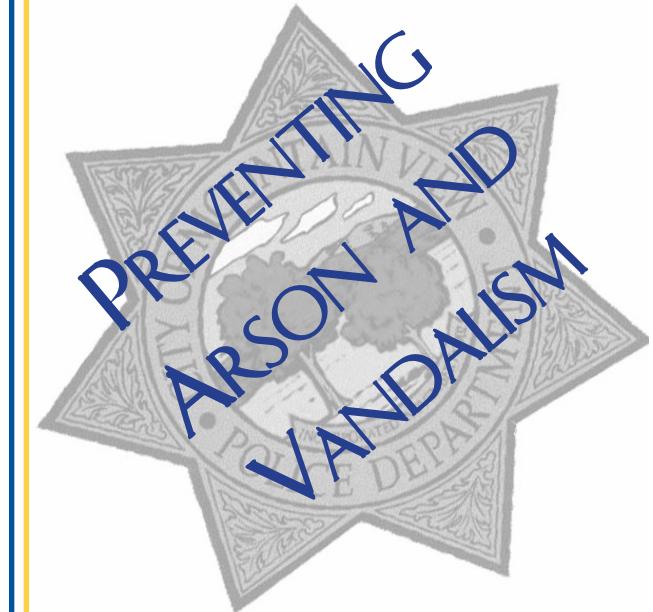
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MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Improve general security secure all doors, windows, sky-lights - especially entrances on alleys.
- Install an alarm system.
- Do not allow landscaping to provide camouflage or hiding places. Keep the building windows visible and well lighted.
- Keep your property well lighted at night.
- Be watchful of strangers and immediately report suspicious actions near homes, schools, vacant buildings, businesses or other structures.
- Ask your neighbor to help keep watch over your business while you are away.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

MANY OF THE SAME PRECAUTIONS TAKEN, TO DISCOURAGE BURGLARS, MAY ALSO DISCOURAGE ARSONISTS AND VANDALS. BY TAKING A FEW PREVENTIVE STEPS, YOU CAN HELP CURB THESE CRIMES.

ADD FIRE PREVENTION

- Install smoke alarms, automatic and tamper-proof sprinklers, and other fire safety equipment.
- Clear your premises free of fuel sources such as yard trimmings, newspapers, leftover paint, old rags and other trash.
- Keep storage and other infrequently visited areas secure.
- Secure flammables in a locked, fire resistant cabinet.
- Dispose of all flammable waste materials as quickly as possible. (Check with the Fire Department on approved methods of disposal).
- Establish frequent and regular fire patrols.
- Maintain an efficient emergency plan program.
- Educate employees about arson prevention program.

REMEMBER...

It is very difficult to catch an arsonist. Cooperation between citizens and government agencies is a key weapon against arson.

- Report any information you have that would help in the investigation of arson suspected fires.
- Protect property you own or occupy from would-be arsonists.
- Support efforts to investigate, apprehend, and prosecute arsonists.
- If, you have information which may help apprehend an arsonist, call the police department.

VANDALISM PREVENTION

Most vandalism occurs in the evenings and on weekends - so set up prevention techniques accordingly.

- Post anti-vandalism signs as a deterrent.
- Schedule custodial crews at night.
- Provide a means of incentive for reporting vandalism.
- Keep local law enforcement agencies informed about acts of vandalism to your property.
- Repair damage promptly - the sooner you repair vandalism, the less chance there will be more vandalism.
- Encourage community participation such as; newspapers, radio and television. They are good sources for mobilizing the community to be concerned and watch for vandalism and arson.